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Serbian Captivity: One Croat's Nightmare Account

By Blaine Harden Washington Post Service ZAGREB, Croatia — After a gang of armed Serbs burst into his apartment...



Having fled Bosnia-Herzegovina, Muslim refugees found calm in Karlovac, Croatia.

"When I said I didn't know, they kicked me and hit me with guns. They broke two ribs, and I was all bloody."

He said that he and 30 others were confined for 30 days in a cell about 3 by 5 meters (9 by 15 feet). They were fed once every five days, he said, and shared about a liter of water per day.

Mr. Matkovic said he was transferred June 6 from the cell to a guarded truck garage at a nearby militia base that held 500 other Croatians and Muslim men.

Mr. Matkovic said he spent the last 13 days of his confinement in the basement of a Dobjo discotheque, where about 350 men were held in a basement room about 9 by 15 meters with no toilet facilities.

The story the couple told here — though impossible to verify independently — echoes accounts that UN refugee officials and EC monitors say they have heard from countless people fleeing Bosnian towns and cities that have been "cleansed" by Serb forces.

Republicans In Congress See Bush Slide Hurting Them

By Ann Devroy Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — Republican officeholders are increasingly fearful for their party's prospects in November as bad news for the campaign continues to accumulate.

President George Bush's campaign manager, Frederick V. Malek, got their frustration full force when he was sent to Capitol Hill to tell House Republicans everything would be fine, in a session marked by anger and name-calling.

Mr. Malek handed out copies of a pamphlet designed to highlight Mr. Bush's accomplishments and offered an outline of how the president would run on his record.

Bill Clinton hones his attack, saying the president evades responsibility, Page 3. followed Mr. Malek, offered what was described as a stronger case on how the Bush team could regain its momentum.

South Africa To Allow UN Observers at Mass Protests

But President Frederik W. de Klerk, in an interview on state television, said that South Africans had to solve their own problems and reiterated that his government would not be forced from power by demonstrations planned each week by the African National Congress, led by Nelson Mandela.

The ANC has called a general strike for Monday and Tuesday as part of a week of protests aimed at overthrowing white rule.

Mr. Mandela asked the United Nations on Wednesday to send observers to monitor the strikes, marches and demonstrations, which the ANC is coordinating with the Communist Party and labor groups.

There will not be a solution from outside," he added. "There is no other option but for the leaders of this country to resume negotiations."

Mr. Mandela said Mr. de Klerk reiterated an appeal to Mr. Mandela and a rival black leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthe, of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, to hold a meeting to try to revive negotiations aimed at giving power to the black majority.

A Machine Recast, China Pounds Out Olympic Gold

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service BARCELONA — They are taken away from their parents at the age of 7 to be sent to athletic sports academies where they train up to six hours a day. They get to see their mothers and fathers perhaps twice a year, but they are cosseted with special privileges and honored as state heroes when they bring home Olympic medals.

The Communist sports machine that molded young athletes to serve purposes of political propaganda is thriving in China even after being discredited in the Soviet Union and East Germany.

for the past four years — to produce more medals and better scores than ever before," said Lin Zhiwei, spokesman for China's Olympic delegation.

China's medal score has been achieved with breakthrough victories in swimming and diving to augment its dominance in table tennis, weightlifting, badminton and shooting.

OLYMPIC PODIUM

U.S. Swimmers Top Pace

Melvin Stewart and Janet Evans of the United States won individual gold medals Thursday, and the women's 400-meter medley relay team shattered the world record as the U.S. swimming team surpassed its medal total of four years ago at Seoul, when it won 18. It has already won 23 at the Barcelona Olympics — nine gold, nine silver and five bronze.

No Apartheid

South African runners — members of their country's first team to compete in the Olympics since 1960 — are all sharing an apartment flat in the Olympic Village. The manager, Steve Rautenbach, pointed out that Jan Tau, a black marathon runner, was sharing a bedroom with a white teammate.

3 Britons Sent Home

Four years after the biggest scandal in Olympic history, and the day before the track and field competition of the Barcelona Games begins, yet another athlete became proof that drug use remains a prominent part of the sport.

Ostracism Risk

Igor Miglinieks of the Unified Team could score 50 points Friday in the showdown against Lithuania, and he still would be no hero back home. Quite the contrary. In playing for the Unified Team, Miglinieks and a fellow Latvian, Goundars Vetra, are regarded in Riga as Olympic basketball scabs.



Lin Li after setting a world record in the 200-meter individual medley. Page 19.

For Sheikh in BCCI Case, \$100 Million Fine Is the Best Deal

By Dean Baquet New York Times Service NEW YORK — Two weeks ago, New York City prosecutors sat down with lawyers for Sheikh Kamal Adham, a former chief of intelligence in Saudi Arabia, and told them that their client was running out of time: He was about to be indicted in the multibillion-dollar fraud and conspiracy case surrounding the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

What does Sheikh Kamal know? He is charged with fraud, accused of acting as one of How did Clark Clifford, a longtime Washington luminary, get into so much trouble? Page 3.

He has given him insight into BCCI's connections to intelligence communities around the world. They say that his extensive holdings in the West might help resolve one of the other big mysteries of the BCCI case: Given that officials of the bank have been accused of paying enormous sums in bribes in 10 countries, did they make any payoffs to American politicians?

English, owns extensive American real estate and keeps an apartment in Midtown Manhattan. But making a deal had another result, one that may be important to the Saudi leaders from whom Sheikh Kamal has been estranged in recent years — it keeps him from being a trial defendant in a case that has greatly embarrassed the Saudi government.

Kiosk

U.S. Court Shifts on Haiti Refugees WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court issued a 48-hour suspension Thursday of its day-old order prohibiting the U.S. Coast Guard from sending Haitian refugees back to their homeland.

Table with financial data: Dow Jones (Up 12.70), Trib Index (Up 0.54%), The Dollar (DM 1.4768), Yen (127.50), FF (4.9845).

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Europeans Act to Aid Refugees' Admission

By Mary Battista
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Take a Look at Europe

The bitter exchange between the Clinton and Bush camps over Bosnia this week marked one of the rare instances when foreign policy has touched the presidential campaign. Yet even this was no real debate. The press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, tried to paint Bill Clinton as a dangerous amateur for suggesting that he would not rule out selective air strikes against Serbian targets. But the Democratic candidate actually hewed closely to the overcautious administration line on the Yugoslav crisis.

The BCCI Indictments

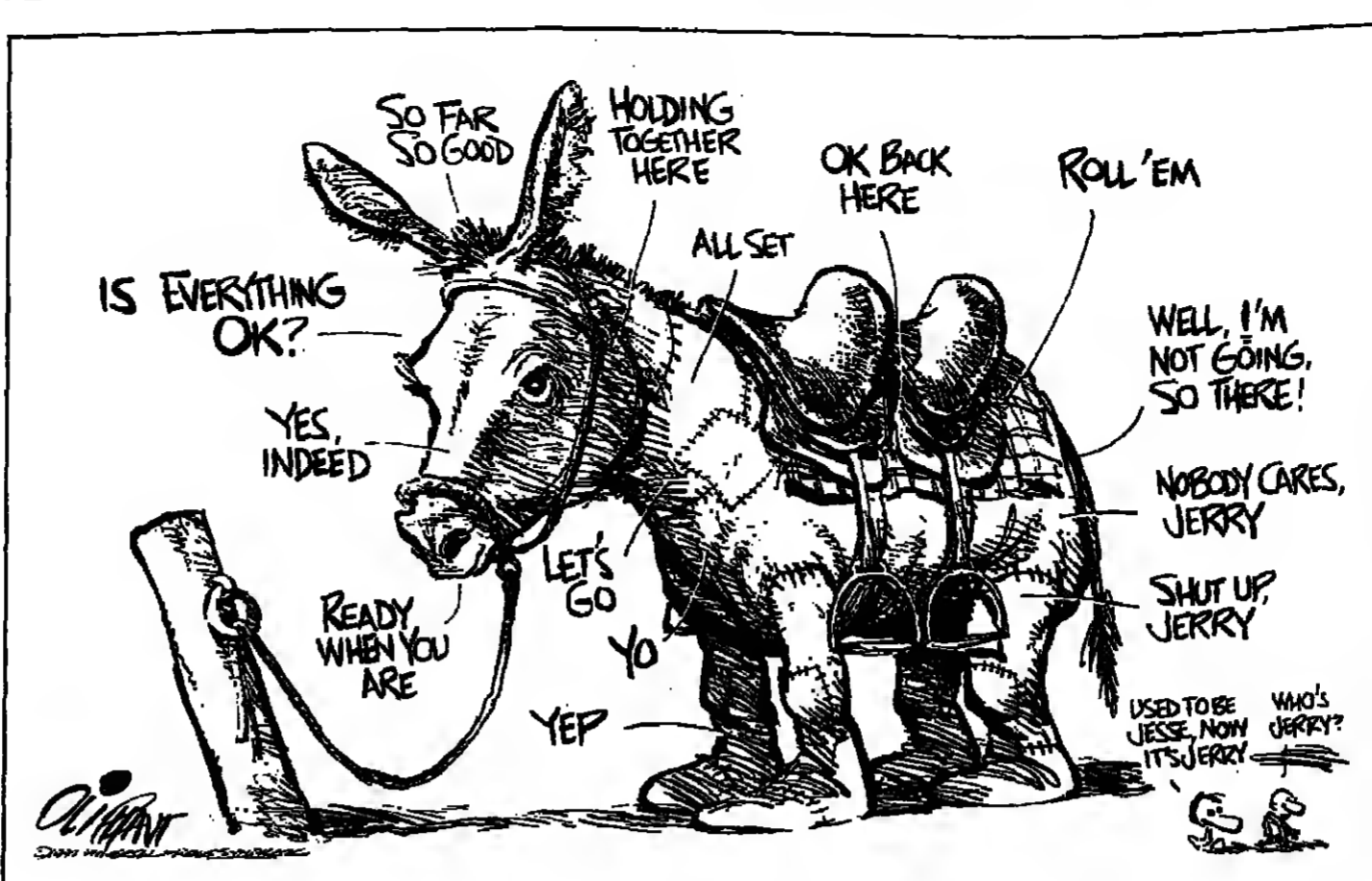
With the indictments on Wednesday, the BCCI case — the greatest banking scandal in financial history — comes more fully into view. Because Clark Clifford has been a major figure in Washington for some 45 years, the charges against him and his law partner, Robert A. Altman, will get much attention. But they were not the central figures in the enormous conspiracy that these indictments portray. Mr. Clifford and Mr. Altman were only working for others and, according to the charges, taking bribes to do that work.

Other Comment

Terror Is Saddam's Secret
What keeps Saddam Hussein in power? A recent report noted the severe economic, medical and other hardships brought on by the Gulf War and international economic sanctions, which have paralyzed the infrastructure and disrupted basic supplies. How is it possible that the man responsible for all this can continue to rule? How is it that the punitive, and highly personalized, enmity of some of the most powerful countries in the world does not bring him down?

Money at the Olympics
The modern series of Games, revived in 1896 by that tragic French enthusiast, Baron de Coubertin, often excluded the best athletes simply because they were tainted by a hint of professionalism. Nowadays out and out professionals represent their countries at the Games. Even the case-hardened amateur athletes associations have bent their rules to the extent that athletes are now able to accept lucrative sponsorships and appear in advertisements. The more outstanding individuals are paid handsome sums to lend their names to somebody's equipment.

Boosting Press Freedom in the East
WASHINGTON — Boris Yeltsin's ongoing battle with his parliament to prevent Yezvestia from becoming a house organ is yet another illustration of the struggle the media face to be free of government control in the ex-Soviet Union and the former Warsaw Pact countries. The Communist Party has been dissolved; the Soviet Union is a relic of history, and new leaders proclaim their dedication to democracy and free-market principles. But glasnost remains a distant goal.



Treating the Balkan Disease With Empty Gestures

By Flora Lewis
B ADEN, Austria — The fighting moves from one area to another in ex-Yugoslavia as territorial control is established. But it is a mistake to think that the war is anywhere near winding down, or that the powers making such resounding public noise about the tragedy are doing much to stop it. The declaration of an arms embargo and sanctions has been a charade. United Nations officials in the field have recently seen West German-made Leopard tanks with Croatian forces in western Bosnia-Herzegovina. These officials say the Croats have greatly strengthened their air capacity in the last two to three months with MiGs that once belonged to East Germany. Austrian and other weapons are flowing south across the Hungarian border.

Yes, Violent Men Can Be Confronted and Beaten

By Jeane Kirkpatrick
WASHINGTON — There is a tantalizing resemblance between the worlds of 1992 and 1918. The great sins of the century seem to have left few traces in our consciousness. The Western world is again preoccupied, as in 1918, with democracy, nationality and self-determination. ("I am proud to be an Eritrean," the bumper sticker on a car at a Washington intersection recently proclaimed.) They all go together. Democracy, nationality and self-determination reinforce one another nicely. But hard experience demonstrates that all are vulnerable to violent movements and violent men like Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic. For this reason, many governments have been trying harder to control aggression through international cooperation within multilateral frameworks. But nothing is going as hoped.

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The Champ Is Behind On Points

By Leslie H. Gelb
NEW YORK — Bill Clinton spent considerable time in the last week trying to support George Bush's efforts on Iraq and Bosnia, the world's current flash points. The White House responded to these endorsements by calling the Democratic nominee "reckless" and unfit to manage America's security. One trembles to contemplate the adjectives the White House will hurl at the Arkansas governor when he actually takes issue with the president's foreign policy. Al Gore brought the elevating exchanges to their logical resting place. If Mr. Bush and Dan Quayle "are such whizzes," he said, "why is it that Saddam Hussein is thumbing his nose at the entire world?"

Clinton wants to stay close to the president on Iraq.

tags here by embracing his policies on many big, tough issues. Since last December Mr. Clinton has stressed his appreciation of anti-Soviet Cold War policies, his backing of the Gulf War and his willingness to use force to defend America's vital interests. Mr. Clinton — who seems to be a genuine foreign policy moderate — acknowledges that he is not about to let Republicans tag him with being "weak and softheaded," as they did his luckless predecessors. In recent days he extended that thinking to Iraq and Bosnia. He condemned Saddam every bit as roughly as did Mr. Bush. "If the United Nations decides to use force to ensure Iraqi compliance with the cease-fire agreements," he said last week, "I will support American participation in such action." He added: "Even during an election campaign, Americans are united on this issue." The Democratic contender pulled his punches on the questionable United Nations arrangement that defused the present crisis. He could easily have attacked Mr. Bush for agreeing to the deal that barred U.S. inspectors from entering a suspicious Iraqi building. And he could have (and probably should have) walloped Mr. Bush for doing little to challenge Saddam's past cease-fire violations. But Mr. Clinton wants to stay close to the president on Iraq.

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OPINION

Havel Has Set a Serious Standard

By William Pfaff

PARIS — Czechoslovakia's end comes as no surprise. There was an artificiality to its creation that foretold a short history, although the Slovaks who have broken up the union are likely to suffer from its loss.

The departure of Vaclav Havel from public life — if this is permanent — is perhaps more to be regretted, not because he was a great statesman, or had the time to demonstrate that he was such, but because he brought a quality of detachment and reflection to politics rare at any time, and rarest most of all today in East, Central and Balkan Europe, and the ex-Soviet Union.

Czechoslovakia existed because it was convenient for the Czechs to have the Slovaks with them into independence when the Hapsburg Empire broke up. The Czechs earlier had simply wanted reform of the Hapsburg system so as to make it a federation of equals. But the First World War proved ruinous for Austria, which experienced defeats in the early battles with Russian and Serbian armies and had to be rescued by Germany. The Austro-Hungarian government afterward found itself increasingly powerless, all the war's important decisions on economic as well as military matters being made in Berlin.

Thomas Masaryk, the intellectual who had led the Czech national movement in the pre-war years, concluded that the Czechs had no future in such an Austria and called for national independence. It was a more plausible proposition if the related Slovak people became part of the new state. There also had been a big emigration of landless Slovak peasants to the United States, where Masaryk (whose wife was American) had mobilized American Czechs in support of their country's independence. The two emigrant groups joined forces.

Their success was such that even though Czechs and Slovaks were fighting in the Austrian army (except for a Czech Legion, which Masaryk had recruited from prisoners of war in Russia), the American government was convinced that it should declare Czechoslovakia's "liberation" an allied war aim. The war ended, the country did become independent, but the union was not a success. The Slovaks were bitter that Slovakia was made merely a province, without the promised autonomy. After Munich, when the government of the newly truncated Czechoslovak state dismissed Slovakia's nationalist leader, Josef Tiso, a Catholic priest, he appealed to the Germans. They obligingly took over the Czech provinces and made them a German "protectorate," and set

Slovakia up as a nominally independent state, allied to Nazi Germany. This, of course, did no good for the subsequent reputation of Slovakian nationalism.

Vaclav Havel has said that his ambition for Czechoslovakia has been that it become "a stable Central European democracy that has found its identity and learned to live with itself." He also said that if Slovakia wished "its own star on the future flag of Europe, and its own seat at the table," this would be so.

And so the Slovaks have decided. The details remain to be settled, supposedly by the end of September, but Slovakia has declared its sovereignty, if not yet its outright independence. This has prompted Mr. Havel's resignation as president of a Czechoslovak state that will cease to exist.

He has sometimes been criticized as a sentimental moralizer, but these criticisms typically come from people who have never themselves gone to prison as a consequence of any demonstration of moral courage. Mr. Havel has, and he is convinced of the practicality of political action subordinated to conscience.

He holds that communism "was overthrown by force, by thought, by human dignity." He adds that in his view "genuine conscience and genuine responsibility are always, in the end, explicable only as an expression of the silent assumption that we are being observed 'from above.'"

"Our death ends nothing, because everything is forever being recorded and evaluated somewhere else... in what I have called 'the memory of Being,' an integral aspect of the secret order of the cosmos, of nature, and of life, which believers call God and to whose judgment everything is liable."

He acknowledges that in politics the pursuit of decency, civility, reason, responsibility "is not exactly a practical way of going about it. At the same time, however, I have one great advantage; among my many bad qualities there is one that is fortunately missing: a longing or a love for power. Not being that who, when all is said and done, cling to their power or their position somewhat more, and this allows me the luxury of behaving un tactically."

Czechoslovakia was the better for a president who said such things, and its two successor states will be the worse for having lost him, if he indeed remains out of politics.

The international community is the worse for it, too, not because this playwright's brief passage as Czechoslovakia's president changed anything grand, but because the things he said in office, and the manner in which he said them, gave us a standard against which to measure others, and allowed us the possibility of thinking that a serious level of public discourse might be possible among us as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does Democracy Work?

Regarding "No, America Doesn't Have to Go Under" (Opinion, July 21):

Felix Rohatyn's reasonable proposals for solving the United States' social and economic ills, echoed a few days later by the fallen Ross Perot, center on huge public investment programs largely funded by an energy tax—a good idea in itself that other Western countries have long accepted. But the chances of the American electorate voting such a tax are almost nil.

Self-interest, we are unlikely to accept austerity measures until too late—after the apocalypse. This leads to the next question: Is it not time to debate the merits of popular democracy? Is this system able to solve complex problems and make unpleasant choices, or is it essentially suited to fair-weather conditions? Tyranny is not the sole alternative.

Norway and Whaling

Regarding "A Harpoon for Norway" (Letters, July 23):

Bob Ritter claims that Norway, in announcing that it will resume the hunt for minke whales next year, "seems wrong opinion." He suggests that Norway be suspended as host to the 1994 Winter Olympics. Why? The minke has never been in danger of extinction. On the contrary, it threatens the existence of the larger blue whale.

Off Norway's coast, there are thousands of minke whales for every blue whale. Minke whales devour not only fish but the krill, the tiny crustaceans that are the main food of blue whales. A blue whale needs 5 tons (4,500 kilograms) of krill a day. Thus, scientists say, we must save the blue whale by reducing the number of minke.

In Arms Over Tattoos

In response to the report "The Russian Intelligentsia Adrift" (July 20), I wonder why you chose to include the quote from a teacher that "low-class

people with tattoos are getting rich." Is it necessary to contribute to the negative stereotyping of tattoos in this way, particularly in an article discussing art and intellectualism?

Your paper is widely read and respected. Do you assume that your tattooed readers, of whatever class, appreciate reading such comments? Surely not.

ALANA J. BUCH, Bonn.

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So the Father of the Bride Really Said These Things?

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina — She looked up at me laughing, his young woman whom I first saw, red and wrinkled, through a maternity ward window in August 1959. "Daddy," she said, "this is the silliest wedding I've ever been to."

I've squeezed my arm, which was beginning to tremble a bit. The organist played on and on, omitting the first notes of the processional march. She looked radiant in the wedding dress her mother had worn, years before, in this very church. To a father's fond eye, she rivaled the Botticelli Venus.

Her own eyes sparkled, as usual, with merriment at the comedy of things. The

ter, a new-minted doctor of esoteric sciences, "a good egg" who, with her young man, was entering "a complex relationship." He had gone on to philosophy extensively, and fatuously. Or so he was informed the next day.

The father of the bride was admittedly a bit spacey. It was, after all, his second most important wedding — and, especially, shockingly expensive. Yet somehow the Champagne was drunk, the toasts offered, sly and sober, the photos taken, the feast consumed, the dear friends gathered in a warm glow, and the two youngsters hitched.

Later, driving home, the parents compared notes. Both felt pleasure, but also a touch of sadness and perhaps a touch of anxiety — that old visceral tightness that parents feel when they must let go — as if paying out yet another untested length of that tether of love and concern that binds generations, which must be both infinitely strong and infinitely flexible.

But what was a locked dress fitter's shop, or the challenges of the married estate, to the resolute girl? What terrors could life hold for one who had trekked the jungles on the trail of moose lemmings, who had even walked a dog in Central Park? What failures of invention could be feared of someone who could sequence DNA? A cherished family photograph — all had been accidentally locked behind doors the Chapel Hill police said they could not force.

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The affair of the items left at the dress fitter's shop was no sillier, in any case, than the toast offered by the father of the bride the evening before. The father's memory was very dim. He had the happy impression that a rather bibulous evening had set wings to his words.

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processional was 25 minutes late, and the throng of friends at the old church was now quite steeped in Bach.

What was meant by "silly" was that, earlier that afternoon, much of her essential wedding regalia had been locked up in the dress fitter's shop, and the dress fitter had herself disappeared. Her shoes, her lovingly handmade hairpieces, the blue garter and the lucky sixpence borrowed from our old friend Judy Erum, and her grandmother's engagement ring — all had been accidentally locked behind doors the Chapel Hill police said they could not force.

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MARKET DIARY

Dollar Loses Steam After Early Rally

NEW YORK — The dollar gave up early gains Thursday after discommoding positive new home sales and first-time jobless claims and focused again on sluggish broader economic trends, dealers said.

Focusing on fundamentals, Mr. Mullins also defended the M-2 monetary aggregate as a useful gauge of monetary growth. M-2 fell \$2.4 billion in the latest reporting week, the Fed said late Thursday.

Remarks by Federal Reserve Vice Chairman David J. Mullins that the dollar should not be used as a policy tool triggered a sell-off in a thin afternoon market in New York.

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STOCKS: U.S. Growth Is Halved

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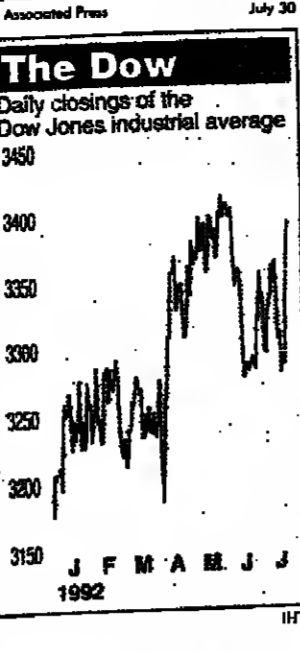


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CEA Franc Change Opposed

DAKAR, Senegal — Leaders of the West African CFA franc zone ruled out a devaluation after talks here Thursday, but speculation continued with the news that four presidents would make an unscheduled trip to meet President François Mitterrand in Paris on Friday.

The CFA, West Africa's only convertible currency, has been pegged at 50 to the French franc since 1948. France has strongly denied devaluation rumors. Senegalese officials sources said that the delegation was going to Paris to argue against devaluation.

"There is no devaluation. We are against a devaluation," President Abdou Diouf of Senegal said.

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SPORTS

U.S. Blocks 'Skins' Move To Virginia

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives has blocked Jack Kent Cooke's plans to move his Washington Redskins to Virginia in time for the 1994 National Football League season.

By a vote of 238 to 166, the legislators voted Wednesday to prohibit federal agencies from allowing the move until the Environmental Protection Agency completes a lengthy study of the impact of constructing a new stadium in an unused railroad yard in suburban Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed move was secretly engineered by Governor L. Douglas Wilder and Mr. Cooke, the team owner. It has been opposed by local officials worried about the congestion and costs that the sports complex could impose.

"It is already becoming obvious that this stadium may not be a great deal for the taxpayers of Virginia," said Representative James P. Moran, Democrat of Virginia. "We're also coming to the conclusion that it may not be a good deal for the federal government."

The 78,600-seat stadium would be built on rail yards where such hazardous chemicals as lead, arsenic and PCB were frequently spilled, Moran said.

Construction of a stadium, roads and a Metrolink subway stop would require numerous federal permits.

Marino to Sit One Out
The Miami Dolphin quarterback, Dan Marino, is not expected to play in the NFL exhibition opener on Saturday against the Redskins, The Associated Press reported.

Is He Brave or Foolish?
The Atlanta Braves talked with Deion Sanders' agent on Wednesday without getting any closer to resolving the two-sport star's impending dilemma, The AP reported.

Sanders, an outfielder with the Braves and a center-fielder with the Atlanta Falcons, must decide this weekend which sport he'll be playing next week.



THE SOCCER STAR AND THE CAR MAGNATE — The English soccer star Gary Lineker, left, greeting Shochiro Toyota, honorary chief of Toyota Motor Corp. and owner of the Grampus Eight soccer team, in Nagoya, Japan, on Thursday, Lineker, 31, who signed a multimillion-dollar contract with the club, debuts Saturday in a friendly match against the Brazilian club Corinthians.

U.S. Selects Courier and Agassi for Cup

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi and Jim Courier, winners of the three Grand Slam tournaments played so far this year, have been selected for the U.S. Davis Cup team that will face Sweden in the semifinals in September, the U.S. Tennis Association announced on Thursday.

The U.S. captain, Tom Gorman, has not yet chosen his doubles team for the semifinal match, which will be played on an indoor clay court in Minneapolis from Sept. 25 to 27.

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Cardinals Stop Expos' Surge With Homer in 9th

Montreal Expos never led Bernard Gilkey, it will be too soon. The oft-injured St. Louis Cardinals outfielder hit a game-winning, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth on Wednesday night, giving St. Louis a 4-1 victory and preventing the Expos from taking sole possession of first place in the National League East.

"The home run, that's a big thrill for me," said Gilkey, who grew up in the St. Louis area and was signed by the Cardinals as a non-drafted free agent in 1984. "I've never hit a game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth, and then to do it in my hometown."

The home run was Gilkey's first of the season and seventh of his short career. That came against the Expos was no surprise: His first major-league hit, his first major-league home run and his first home run at Busch Stadium all have come against Montreal, all since Sept. 5, 1990.

3 1/2 games out of first and the players are taking pennant. "The sweep gives us confidence," said Ryne Sandberg, who hit a two-run homer to spark a three-run seventh. "We're beginning to believe in ourselves."

The loss was the third straight and eighth in the last 10 games for Pittsburgh, which until Tuesday had been in sole possession of first place since June 3.

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who drove in the Expos' only run with a sixth-inning single. "If we lose a game, it's nothing to get excited about. We're not going to win every game the rest of the year."

Using Spare Parts, A's Stun Twins and Take Share of Lead

The next time the Minnesota Twins play the Oakland Athletics, they'll know who Eric Fox is. Fox became the latest in Oakland's legion of injury call-ups and spare parts to take center stage when his three-run homer in the ninth inning gave the Athletics a stunning 5-4 victory over the Twins on Wednesday and a share of the American League West lead with Minnesota.

"You don't think of him hitting one out," the Twins' catcher, Brian Harper, said of Fox, an outfielder who began the month playing for Huntsville in the Double-A Southern League. "I didn't even know who he was, to be honest with you."

He does now. So do the rest of the Twins, after Fox's blast over the right-field fence off relief ace Rick Aguilera completed Oakland's first sweep in Minneapolis since 1982.

Cal Ripken and Glenn Davis both doubled, singled and drove in a run for Baltimore, which handed the Yankees their fourth straight loss.

Rhodes, recalled from Triple-A Rochester on July 8 when Storm Davis went on the disabled list, struck out eight and walked two in his first career complete game in 12 starts.

Earlier in the day, the Yankees gave rookie manager Buck Showalter a three-year contract extension. The loss dropped New York to 47-53 — the same 100-game mark the Yankees posted last year under Stump Merrill.

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Oakland to four hits in eight innings and retired 14 of his final 15 batters. Jerry Browne and Harold Baines started the inning with pinch-hits. One out later, Fox sent a 1-1 fastball over the fence.

LaRussa wasn't ready to call the victory a turning point in the race, but didn't minimize its significance, either.

"We've had some wins that were significant, but for July, this is as significant a win as you can get," La Russa said.

Onesies & Yankees: Rookie Arthur Rhodes pitched a five-inning shutout for his first major-league start and Bill Ripken and Mike Denver, both homers as Baltimore won its second straight game in New York.

Lofton's two-out hit off reliever, Darren Holmes gave the Indians their eighth victory in 11 games.

White Sox & Tigers: Lance Johnson had a go-ahead RBI single in a six-run ninth inning as Chicago rallied in Detroit to hand the Tigers their sixth straight loss.

Tim Lincecum had a two-run single, George Bell singled in a run and Carlton Fisk's RBI single tied the score before Johnson's single brought in the go-ahead run. Craig Grebeck's bases-loaded walk capped the rally.

Red Sox & Rangers: Roger Clemens struggled through 6 1/2 innings but earned his 11th victory and Tony Pena had a pair of RBI doubles as Boston beat Texas at Fenway Park.

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China's Lin, U.S. 200 Team Break World Swim Records



Melvin Stewart, who on Thursday added an Olympic record and the gold medal to the world record he holds in the 200-meter butterfly.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BARCELONA — Lin Li of China broke the oldest record in swimming Thursday when she edged Summer Sanders of the United States in the women's 200 individual medley, and the U.S. women's 400-meter medley relay shattered that world record.

Leighton stretched the lead on the butterfly and Thompson was uncatchable on the freestyle.

The old mark was 4:03.69 by East Germany in 1984.

Mark Tewksbury of Canada edged out Jeff Rouse of the United States, the world record holder and fastest qualifier in the 100 backstroke. Tewksbury won with an Olympic record of 53.98, bettering the mark of 54.51 set by David Berkoff of the United States in 1988.

Rouse was timed in 54.04, and Berkoff got the bronze in 54.78.

Lin, 21, who previously had won silver medals in the 200 breaststroke and 400 individual medley, gave China its third swimming gold medal, winning in 2 minutes, 11.65 seconds, finishing in 4 minutes, 25.44 seconds. Lovelless took the lead on the backstroke, then Nell held it on the breaststroke. Ahmann-

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Evans, a triple gold medalist at Seoul took the 800 freestyle by nearly five seconds. Her time was 8:25.52, followed by Hayley Lewis of Australia in 8:30.34 and Jana Henke of Germany in 8:30.99.

Evans' successful defense of her crown made her the first Olympic swimmer in win back-to-back 800s. Her time was well off her 8:16.22 world record, set in 1989.

She moved ahead at the start and maintained at least a two-length lead over Lewis throughout.

"They came a lot easier" in 1988, Evans said. "I've been through a lot and worked real hard in the last four years... it made winning it even more sweet."

With a full day of swimming left, the Americans have surpassed their medal total four years ago in Seoul. They won 18 in 1988 and already

Ukrainian Gymnast Edges American

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BARCELONA — Tatjana Gutsu of the Unified Team won the Olympic gold medal in the all-around competition Thursday, edging Shannon Miller of the United States.

Lavinia Milosavljevic of Romania won the bronze. World champion Kim Zmeskal of Houston finished 10th.

Miller opened strongly with a 9.925 on the uneven bars, matched that on the balance beam and hit a 9.900 on the floor exercise. She saved her best for last, scoring a 9.975 on the vault, which began and ended with a double somersault.

Two vaults later, Gutsu hit a 9.925 to give her the victory by .012 points.

Gutsu finished with 39.737 points, Miller had 39.725 and Milosavljevic had 39.491.

Miller's silver medal was the best showing ever for an American in competition including athletes from the former Soviet Union. Mary Lou Retton won the gold in 1984 when the Soviets boycotted.

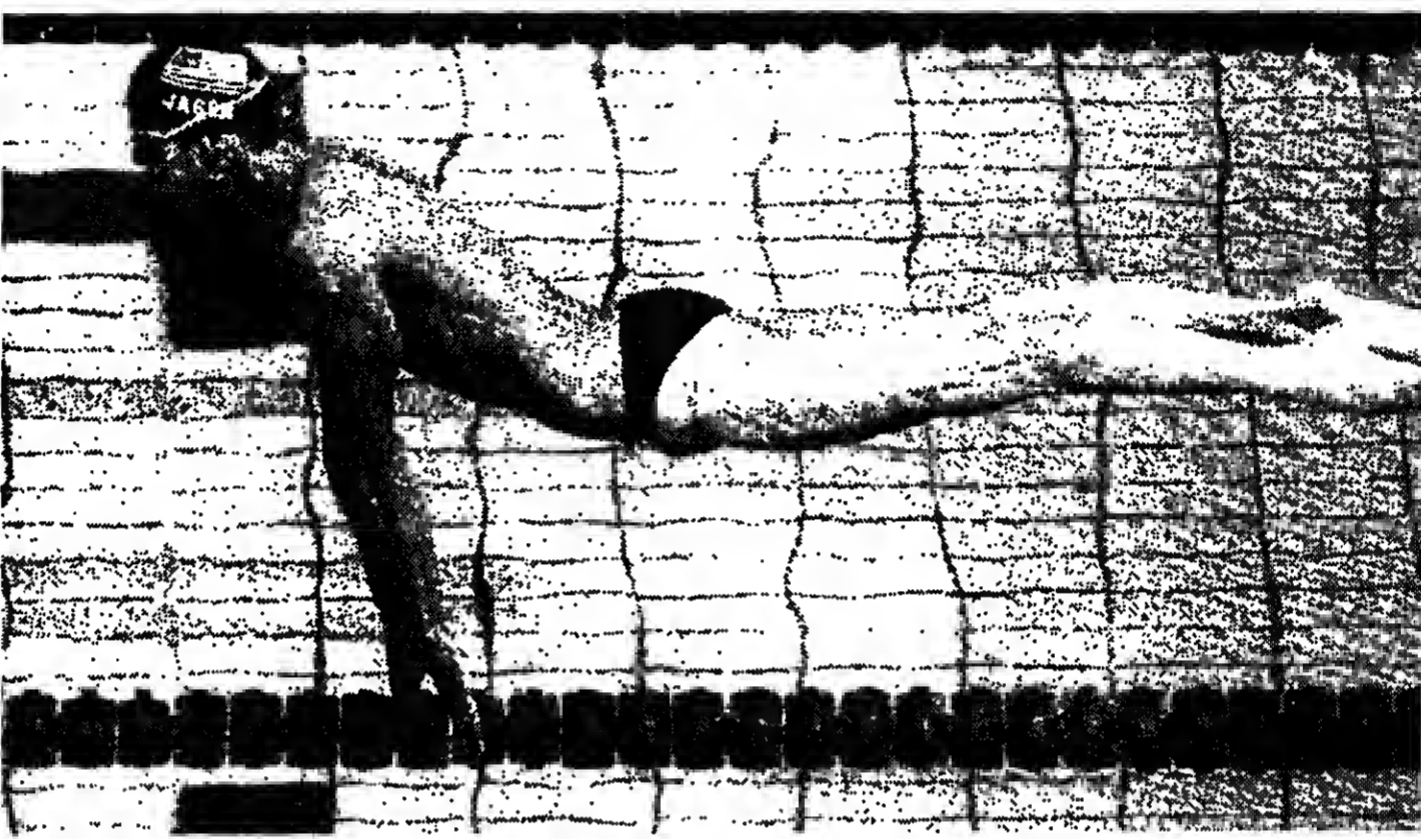
The 15-year-old Miller had led all scorers in the team competition earlier in the week.

Zmeskal got off to a poor start for the second time in these Games, stepping out of bounds on her floor exercise to score only 9.775. She finished with a score of 39.412.

On Sunday, she slipped on the balance beam in the compulsory of the team competition to send her score plummeting.

Retton, who had predicted that Gutsu would win shortly before the competition began, was not surprised by the outcome.

"Her difficulty level is just something else," she said. "It was just a question of whether she was going to fall down or not." (AP, AFP)



Both Tom Jager, left, and Matt Biondi of the United States finished behind the Unified Team's Alexander Popov in the 50-meter freestyle. Popov's victory gave his team a sweep of the men's freestyle sprints.

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Drugs, or Hepatitis?

Spanish discus thrower David Martinez, who has tested positive for steroids, could be suffering from hepatitis B, the Spanish team said Thursday, Reuters reported.

Alfredo Goyeneche, vice-president of the Spanish Olympic Committee, said doctors believed a hepatitis infection may have affected the testosterone level in Martinez's urine when he failed a dope test last month.

Martinez was tested on June 27 during the Spanish Athletics Championships. A second test was done on July 9 but the result has not been announced.

"We know he had suffered from a kind of hepatitis in the past but we thought he was over that," Goyeneche said. "What we don't know is whether hepatitis is affecting the result of the drugs test."

German Wins Ruling
Germany's athletics federation lifted a drugs-related suspension against shot-putter Kalman Janyas and the country's Olympic committee was considering whether he could compete in Barcelona, Reuters reported.

The German team chief, Ulrich Feldhoff, said the athletics federation's legal committee had agreed to lift the three-month ban, imposed because Janyas failed to appear for doping control tests.

Dreamettes? Whatever, They're on Their Way

New York Times Service
BARCELONA — The only differences between the U.S. men's and women's basketball teams may be the amount of money they make and the level of air space they occupy. The men are somewhere above the rim, and the women look to be somewhere between the men and their grounded competition.

One game does not make a gold medal, but the U.S. women sore looked like a female version of the Dream Team rooting for them behind their bench, the Dreamettes set a U.S. women's Olympic record for points scored in one game, eclipsing the 102 scored in 1988 against the Soviet Union.

That was a gold medal year for the United States, as was 1984, which Cynthia Cooper, who led seven U.S. players into double figures Thursday with 18 points, requests that people feed into their memory banks.

"It doesn't bother me that the Dream Team gets so much attention," said Cooper, a 5-foot, 10-

Former Foe's High Praise

Reuters
Alexander Gomelski, former coach of the Soviet basketball team, said Thursday that the U.S. Dream Team was spreading the gospel of basketball and would have an enormous impact internationally.

Gomelski, 64, whose team beat the United States in the Seoul semifinals on the way to a gold medal, said, "The way the NBA stars play is dream basketball. That is right. It is out journalistic hype."

Gomelski, whose 1988 gold crown was also a silver and two bronze medals, said, "After 10 years maybe we can compete. Maybe this basketball will make the rest of the world play better."

Beaten Before He Starts

French sprinter Bruno Marie-Rose arrived at the Olympic village in Barcelona on Wednesday only to find that his federation had failed to enter him in the 100-meter race.

Marie-Rose clocked the minimum time to compete in the race, 10.30 seconds, on July 8 in Lausanne, only one day before the deadline for applications.

Courier Is Doubly Victorious

The Associated Press
BARCELONA — Jim Courier won easily in singles Wednesday and teamed with Pete Sampras for a five-set doubles victory over Sweden's Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd.

In a first-round match featuring the world's three top-ranked singles players, Courier and Sampras won, 1-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, giving the U.S. men's team a 5-0 record in Barcelona.

Earlier, the top-seeded Courier won the final 14 games in a 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 trouncing of Israel's Gilad Bloom. The women's No. 1 seed, Steffi Graf, then eliminated Brenda Schultz of Holland with similar ease, 6-1, 6-0.

American Mary Joe Fernandez, the No. 4 seed, won a marathon from Patricia Hy of Canada, 6-2, 1-6, 12-10.

Boris Becker, who needed nearly five hours to beat the world's 312th-ranked player in the opening round, this time struggled against No. 310. The fifth-seeded German snapped a racket in anger for the first time in his career before prevailing over Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.

No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic advanced in five sets for the second time in a row, edging Paul Haarhuis of Holland, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Seventh-seeded Guy Forget of France and No. 9 Wayne Ferreira of South Africa were eliminated in

straight sets. Forget lost to Magnus Larsson of Sweden, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, and Ferreira fell to Marc Rosset of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.

Emilio Sanchez of Spain, seeded 12th, moved into the round of 16 by beating Omar Camporese of Italy, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1. Sanchez and Courier are the lone remaining seeds in their quarter of the bracket.

Courier was steady but unspectacular against Bloom, who struggled to keep his groundstrokes in play and quickly became frustrated. At 5-0 in the second set, when Bloom hit a rare forehand winner, he extended both arms to the sky in mock celebration.

"Glad is a much better player than he showed today," Courier said.

Easy victories in the first two rounds represent a return to form for Courier, who lost in the third round at Wimbledon and then in his opening match in Kitzbuhel, Austria.

"At Kitzbuhel last week, I didn't quite adjust to the altitude and didn't play my best," Courier said. "But fortunately that allowed me to come here early and hopefully be adjusted to the conditions. I feel pretty adjusted right now."

One of the most prominent professional athletes staying at the Olympic Village, Courier said the excitement surrounding the Games is enjoyable but distracting.

"It was tough at first," he said. "But I've tried to settle into a rhythm and make this feel like a regular tournament."

Graf also has struggled with her concentration, although the results don't show it. She beat Schultz in 47 minutes and won her first-round match in 35 minutes.

"I haven't had a week off since the end of January, and I really feel it in my head," Graf said. "I'd love to have some time off. But I think it's worth it; otherwise I wouldn't be here."

A Showdown as Old Friends Become New Foes

By Harvey Araton
New York Times Service
BARCELONA — Igor Migliniks could score 50 points Friday in the showdown against Lithuania, and he still would be no hero back home. Quite the contrary. In crossing the border to play for the Unified Team, Migliniks and fellow Latvian Goumdars Vetra are regarded in Riga as Olympic basketball scab.

"My family and friends, they understand, but the government does not," said Migliniks. "They say bad things on the radio and the TV."

"It is not normal for them to play for another state," said Jinis Lusis, the Latvian track and field coach. "People are not in agreement with what they are doing."

In the Baltic states and across the republics that used to form the Soviet Union, sets will be tuned to a rematch between the Lithuanians and the Commonwealth of Independent States, or Unified Team, a nation reborn against a team soon to die. That both teams' players began their careers under the Soviet umbrella and four on each side were gold medalists in Seoul makes their meeting on this international stage something of a metaphor for the confusing changes in the world since those 1988 Olympic Games.

The Olympics, of course, are often about nationalism and capitalism, whichever happens at the moment to be a more expeditious pursuit.

"I would never do what they are doing," said Sarunas Marculionis, the star Lithuanian guard, of Migliniks and Vetra. "We cannot understand their feelings."

"They are called traitors there," said

Arnas Pakula, the public relations director for the Lithuanian basketball team. They won't be persecuted, but the moral life will not be good."

In their defense, Donn Nelson, who recruited Marculionis for the Golden State Warriors, the team his father coaches in the National Basketball Association, said he thought there was nothing wrong with Mig-

Sabonis, who plays in Spain, are already established pro players with million-dollar deals.

In fact, Vetra, a 25-year-old, 6-foot, 4-inch (1.993-meter) guard, recently signed a two-year contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves of the NBA, following a strong performance in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Zaragoza, Spain, a competi-

tion Latvia did not qualify for. Vetra, the last player cut from the 1988 Soviet Union Olympic Team, said that since Latvia would never be a likely qualifier, this would be his one sure chance to play in the Olympics.

In future international competitions, Unified Team stars like Alexander Volkov of Ukraine and Victor Tikhonenko of Kazakhstan would have no choice but to play for their native states. "We are basketball players, and this is the last time for us to play together," said Migliniks, a 28-year-old, 6-8 forward. "These are not Communists. This is not Red Army. These are my friends."

It is unfair, he said, to compare the Latvians to the Lithuanians, who have had a strong basketball tradition since winning the European championships in 1957 and 1959 and are considered the most talented team in the Olympic tournament, excluding the United States.

Marculionis, who admitted there may be "some problems" he wasn't aware of, still pointed out that Titt Sokk, the starting point guard from the 1988 Soviet gold medal team, played in the pre-qualifying tournament for his native Estonia.

"To be wearing the uniform of your country, after all that's happened, is unbelievable," said Marculionis, who helped raise about \$200,000 for the struggling Lithuanian basketball federation, including a donation of \$5,000 plus a complete outfitting from The Grateful Dead, the San Francisco area rock band that became aware of the team through reports on Marculionis in the San Francisco Chronicle during the Warriors' season.

Here, the Lithuanians travel to and from the arena in 1960s-style tie-dyed shirts, which feature on the front the Grateful Dead trademark skeletons dunking a basketball.

Pakula contended that Latvia, too, might have had a chance to qualify for the Olympics and share in this Baltic glory with Lithuania had Migliniks and Vetra chosen to play for the home team. "Definitely they qualify for Zaragoza, if not here," he said.

When the Lithuanians met the Unified Team in Zaragoza, the 7-4 Sabonis dominated inside and the Lithuanians won by 37 points. Marculionis played down the report that the Lithuanians tried to win by 53, each point representing a year under Soviet occupation, saying there is nothing political between the players.

"We have all come from one team," he said. "We see each other. We love each other."



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Milk of Grouchiness

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Mrs. M. G. of Houma, Louisiana, writes that she is astounded by the sweet temper constantly displayed in these columns. "Your veins," she says, "must be rich in the milk of human kindness. Don't you ever get grouchy, fed up and sick and tired of it all, like other people do?" Ah, Mrs. M. G., if only you knew, I am much too kind to write it, but at this very moment I am not only sick and tired of, but also thoroughly fed up with George Steinbrenner. This is not all Steinbrenner's fault. The New York newspapers, which refuse to let him just fade away, are equally to blame for perpetuating this eternal, inescapable, inevitable, endless tedious Steinbrenner story.

Cavalry to save President Bush's deploring presidential campaign. What's there to grouch about here? Dear Mrs. M. G., you never think at all about politics down there in Houma, do you? Look: Here's a perfectly satisfactory secretary of state, and here's a floundering president. Now think: If Baker is not only good at diplomacy, but also good enough at domestic politics to run a winning presidential campaign, why is he being wasted masterminding the Bush campaign? He ought to be running for president himself, shouldn't he? Between us, Mrs. M. G., I'm sick and tired of seeing our smart guys, guys like James A. 3d/Jim, turned into hired guns to save less smart guys who can't save themselves. What's more, I'm fed up with press people who cheer this kind of thing, saying it's great for Bush that James A. 3d is switching to Jim, when they ought to be urging Bush to do right by the country and step aside and let Jim have a run at the main job.

Edna O'Brien's Hard Edge of Heartbreak

By David Streitfeld

NEW YORK — Edna O'Brien has red hair and a scarlet reputation. This is the first thing anyone learns about her, and often the last. The covers of her books over the years have tended to feature arty shots of beautiful naked women, or sometimes portraits of a beautiful clothed O'Brien. She was her own best advertiser, and her splendid stories of unhappy Irish girls in love matched the tales about O'Brien herself — stories that have taken on rather a life of their own. On the back cover of a newly published collection of "True Confessions" is emblazoned a quote from O'Brien: "I am attracted to thin, tall, good-looking men who have one common denominator. They must be lurking bastards."



O'Brien's new novel "Time and Tide" has won much acclaim.

As for Ireland, well, until recently, forget it. O'Brien's first novel, "The Country Girls," was published in London in 1960. It seems tame enough now, the sweet story of two girls' coming of age, but a priest near her parents' Limerick farm saw fit to burn all the copies he could find. At the convent she had attended, the horrified nuns made the girls say the rosary for O'Brien every night. Even her mother was ashamed. The novel, as well as O'Brien's next six works of fiction, were banned in the country. "Things have eased up a bit recently," she says, "but ordinary people are no longer ashamed of what I write." Neither does she have any longer the reputation of someone just bashing her native land. It's clear she loves it as much as she hates it, even if the hate makes better copy. "We're to be born again, I'd want to be Irish. There's something about the spirit, and the wildness, and I mean wildness in a very primitive sense, not just out on the town. They always think I'm running them down, and I'm not. I just want Ireland to be more, in the true sense of the word, educated. Watching "Dynasty" is not educated."

PEOPLE

High-Profile U.S. Chefs Sniff at High-Tech Food

Rick Moon, executive chef at New York's Water Club, is in Washington as a group of chefs to push a boycott of genetically engineered food. More than 1,000 American chefs, including stars like Wolfgang Puck of Spago in West Hollywood, Jimmy Schmidt of the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit and Mark Miller of Red Sage in Washington, have joined the campaign. "If you want to shellac these food products and put them in the window, that is O.K.," Moon said. "But if you want to cook with them and enjoy them and get nutritional value, leavethem alone."

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